

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 42-74, 76-79, and 81 are pending, in which claims 72 and 77 are currently amended. Claims 75 and 80 are canceled. Claims 1-41 were previously canceled. No new matter is introduced.

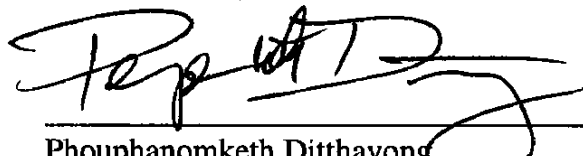
This claim amendment is presented in view of the telephonic communications with Examiner Boakye on Dec. 6, 12, and 20. It was indicated by the Examiner that the claim amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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